

APPROVED MINUTES OF 01/30/2018

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Held at 11am at the Comstock Community Center
180 School Road, Wilton, CT 06897

• Bethel	Director of Public Works Douglas Arndt
• Bridgewater	Absent
• Brookfield	Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco
• Danbury	Director of Public Works Antonio Iadarola
• Darien	Absent
• Greenwich	Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel
• HARTransit	Development Director Richard Schreiner
• New Canaan	Director of Public Works Tiger Mann
• New Fairfield	Absent
• New Milford	Director of Public Works Mike Zarba
• Newtown	Director of Public Works Fred Hurley
• Norwalk	Absent
• Norwalk TD	Manager of Planning Dennis O'Connor
• Redding	Director of Public Works Jeff Hanson
• Ridgefield	Town Engineer Charles Fisher
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Transportation Bureau Chief James Travers
• Weston	Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski
• Westport	Director of Public Works Peter Ratkewich
• Wilton	Assistant Town Planner Daphne White

Also in Attendance:

WestCOG staff members, Robert Sachnin, Kristin Floberg, Bob Brinton, Jamie Bastian, Kristin Hadjstylianos, William Kenny, and Nicole Sullivan. Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit, Ali Mohseni of MHSTCC, Kerry Ross of CTDOT, Garrett Bolella of the City of Stamford, Ken Shooshan-Stoller of FHWA, as well as Tom Altermatt, Abdul Barry Mohamed, and Dan Petrovich of the City of Danbury were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER / PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:03am by Principal Planner Robert Sachnin. There was no public comment made.

FEATURED PRESENTATION

UConn Municipal Stormwater Educator Amanda Ryan spoke regarding the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's MS4 Permit Requirements. Planner Michael Towle gave a brief update regarding GIS mapping for MS4.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Snow Plow Update: Associate Planner Kristin Floberg updated the TAG Members on the Snow Plow study.

FTA 5310 Funding Solicitation: Principal Planner Robert Sachnin introduced Associate Planner William Kenny, who is the staff point of contact for this program. The section 5310 grant program seeks to broaden transportation options for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Associate Planner Kenny noted that a public notice is required for applicants by February 16th and that the final application is due by March 2nd to CTDOT and WestCOG.

CTDOT 2018-2050 LRTP: Associate Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview of the Draft CTDOT transportation plan, including regional comments.

State Funding Discussion: Principal Planner Sachnin provided information regarding the Special Transportation Fund and the Transportation Improvement Program. Project Manager Bob Brinton updated the TAG on the LOTCIP.

FTA TAM Update: Principal Planner Sachnin updated the TAG on performance measures for Transit Asset Management and the ongoing coordination with CTDOT and transit providers.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 12/5/2017 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel and seconded by Ridgefield Town Engineer Charles Fisher, the minutes of the TAG Meeting of 12/5/2017 were unanimously approved.

MPO FHWA Safety Performance Measures: Principal Planner Robert Sachnin described the final rule for safety performance measures. On a motion made by City of Danbury Traffic Engineer Abdul Barry Mohamed and seconded by Weston Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski, MPO endorsement of the CTDOT Safety Targets was unanimously recommended by the TAG.

LOTCIP Adjustments: There was discussion. After review and on a motion made by Danbury Director of Public Works Antonio Iadarola and seconded by Bethel Director of Public Works Douglas Arndt, COG endorsement of the proposed LOTCIP cost adjustments was unanimously recommended by the TAG.

Transportation Improvement Program: Associate Planner Jamie Bastian introduced the SWRMPO TIP amendment for project #0102-0347, Norwalk Traffic Signal Upgrade. He indicated support for the project expressed by City staff. On a motion made by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel and seconded by Weston Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski, the amendment was conditionally recommended to the SWRMPO for endorsement, contingent on Norwalk's confirmation of project support.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion Items as Raised by the TAG: There was none stated. Principal Planner Sachnin welcomed Manager of Planning Dennis O'Connor of Norwalk Transit.

Future Presentations & Items of Interest: There was interest expressed for DEEP MS4 and CTDOT LOTCIP/STBG presentations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO and COG meetings will be held on February 15th. The next TAG meeting will be held on March 6th. The meeting was then unanimously adjourned at 12:20pm.